

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas**  
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Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
Education: Nebraska 1975 BA; Southern Methodist 1978 LLB  
Began Service: January 20, 2000  
Term Expires: January 20, 2014

**Legal Practice:** Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Neely (1978-1988);  
Shareholder, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1988-2000)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; National Bankruptcy Conference; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Robert L. Jones**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Texas Tech 1978 BA, 1982 JD  
Began Service: April 2000  
Term Expires: April 4, 2014

**Legal Practice:** Jackson, Walker, Winstead, Cantwell & Miller (1982-1985);  
Crenshaw, Dupree & Milam, LLP (1985-2000)

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**Dennis Michael Lynn**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: Lawrence 1965 BA; Columbia 1972 JD  
Began Service: September 18, 2001  
Term Expires: September 18, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Stutzman & Bromberg; Weil, Gotshal & Manges; Moore & Petergon

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve

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**H. DeWayne "Cooter" Hale**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: March 19, 1957  
Education: LSU 1979 BS, 1982 JD  
Began Service: November 1, 2002  
Term Expires: October 31, 2016

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Associate Justice James L. Dennis, Supreme Court of Louisiana (1982-1983)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Honorable John C. Ford American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Dallas Bankruptcy Bar Association; Dallas Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

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**Russell F. Nelms**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Texas Tech 1975 BA, 1978 JD

**Current Memberships:** National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Tarrant County Bar Association

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**Stacey G. Jernigan**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Southern Methodist 1986 BBA; Texas 1989 JD  
Began Service: May 2006  
Term Expires: May 2020

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Haynes and Boone, LLP (1989-1996); Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP (1997-2006)

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**Number of Judgeships:** 19

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Aransas, Austin, Bee, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, DeWitt, Duval, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Grimes, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, McMullen, Montgomery, Nueces, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Webb, Wharton, Willacy and Zapata

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**Hayden Head**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Texas 1967 BA, 1968 LLB  
Began Service: October 26, 1981  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Head & Kendrick (1968-1969); Associate, Head & Kendrick (1972-1976); Partner, Head, Kendrick & Head (1976-1981)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1969-1972)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**George P. Kazen**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Texas 1960 BBA, 1961 JD  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, St. Mary's University Law School (1990-1999)

**Government:** Briefing Attorney, Texas Supreme Court (1961-1962)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Mann, Freed, Kazen & Hansen (1965-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1962-1965)

**Current Memberships:** Laredo-Webb County Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Ricardo H. Hinojosa**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Texas 1972 BA; Harvard 1975 JD  
Began Service: May 21, 1983  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Chair, United States Sentencing Commission

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Thomas M. Reavley, Texas Supreme Court (1975-1976)

**Government:** Commissioner, United States Sentencing Commission

**Legal Practice:** Associate and Partner, Ewers & Toothaker (1976-1983)

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